April 21, 2024 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Lord who calls us to worship today is the same Jesus who rose from the grave.

Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory and power.

With the saints of all ages we say,

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

*Opening Hymn/Song

- Crown Him With Many Crowns, # 234
- His Name IS Wonderful, # 101

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the masses and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, his body. (Silent Confession) Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiving Mercy

When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

The Law of God

Be the salt of the earth; be the light of the world.

Ministry of Music (Choral Choir)

THE WORD OF GOD IN PROCLAMATION

*Song of Preparation Wonderful Peace, # 500

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 5.13-20

Sermon: On a Hillside with Jesus: The Role of Discipleship

Prayer for Blessing

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*Confession of Faith (Unison) The Belhar Confession, Art. 3, a We believe that God has entrusted to his Church the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the Church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the Church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the Church is witness both by word and deed to the new heaven and earth in which righteousness dwells.

*Peace (Responsive)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings
*Doxology
Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Lord's Prayer
*Closing Hymn/Song Shine Jesus Shine
*Benediction
Postlude